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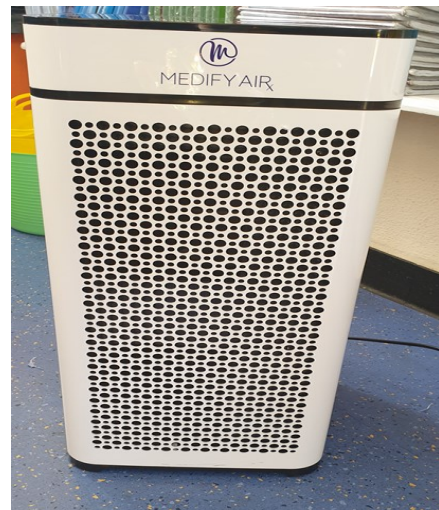
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**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



JUNIOR INFANTS 2022/23

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022/23 will open on 1st February and close on 1st March 2022.

This year, enrolment application forms should be submitted online through our website.

Children in Ireland start school between the ages of four and six years old.

Please spread the word to anyone that you know who has a child due to start school next September.



VENTILATION

We have purchased HEPA 13 air purifiers for our nine classrooms. These are an additional ventilation measure to help to keep classrooms safe. Windows will still need to be opened to ensure a proper air flow throughout the rooms.

Your child may wear additional layers of clothes in school if he/she needs.

The heating is switched on every morning before school starts, however open windows and doors result in classrooms being cool.

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

School will be closed to students on

Monday 31st January

to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Languages Curriculum.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Our Christmas Jumper day raised €270 for the Cancer Fund for Children. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Our teachers had an after school Zoom session with our Creative Schools Associate, Slavek Kwi.
- We are still collecting bottle tops for the Claremorris Tidy Towns mural.
- We are waiting to get a final figure on our Clothing Collection. Thanks to everyone who dropped off bags to the school.
- We marked Catholic Schools Week from 24th-28th January.
- We will be reviewing our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. The current policies can be viewed on the website. If you have any feedback, please send it to info@claremorrisns.ie.



HSE MEDICAL ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND PHONE YOUR GP

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true

Your child has:

- A temperature of 38 degrees celsius or more
- A new cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell, or shortness of breath
- Been a close contact with someone who tested positive
- Been in close contact or living with someone who has been referred for a test
- Been living with someone who may be unwell and may have COVID-19

OTHER SYMPTOMS

If your child has

- Vomiting/Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny or blocked nose

Keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

After 48 hours it is ok to send your child back to school as long as:

Their symptoms do not get worse

They do not develop new symptoms

They do not need paracetamol/ibuprofen during these 48 hours

CONTACT TRACING AND ISOLATION

If your child tests positive on an antigen or PCR test, you are asked to contact the school to inform them. The school will inform the full class of the case and will also contact the parents/guardians of children in the same pod so that they can apply for free antigen tests. If more than one case arises in more than one pod within a week, the full class will be invited to take part in the antigen testing programme.

A box of five antigen tests will be delivered to the address provided with instructions on how to do the tests. You should carry out a test on your child on the day that you receive the antigen tests, a second test two days later and a third test two days after that.

If your child has no symptoms, he or she may continue to attend school. If he or she has symptoms, they should stay at home. If your child tests positive on an antigen test you are asked to log this with the HSE.

COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts advice



Coronavirus
COVID-19
Public Health
Advice

COVID-19 Positive PCR or antigen test

- > Self isolate for 7 days
- > Wear mask for 10 days
 - > 13 years and older - wear FFP2 or medical grade mask
 - > 9-12 years - wear well fitted mask

Close contact of a positive case

13 years and older AND boosted

- > Wear FFP2 or medical grade mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days

13 years and older NOT boosted

- > Restrict movement for 7 days
- > Wear FFP2 or medical grade mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days

0-12 years household contact

- > Restrict movement for 7 days
- > 9-12 years to wear well fitted mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days
- > Aged 0-3: No testing unless symptomatic (PCR)

0-12 years NON household contact

- > 9-12 years to wear well fitted mask for 10 days
- > Test if symptoms occur
- > Asymptomatic children who are in the same school/childcare pod as a case will be offered antigen testing as before

For a period of 10 days (including the 7 days self-isolation or restricted movements) all cases and close contacts are advised to:

- > Limit close contact with people outside their household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- > Wear a face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where they are in close contact with other people
- > Avoid contact with anyone at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- > Work from home unless essential to attend in person
- > Close contacts are advised to take an antigen test before entering crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and prior to having close contact with other people from outside their household
- > Follow all public health protective measures

Anyone who has recovered from COVID-19 since 1 December 2021 is exempt from restriction of movements and testing unless they become symptomatic. If they develop symptoms they should self-isolate, get a test and wear a medical grade or FFP2 face mask.

#LayerUp #ForUsAll

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www.hse.ie



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CALENDAR 2021-2022

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PLEASE NOTE: Half Days on Friday, 22nd October,
Wednesday 23rd February & Friday 29th April are for
Teacher Training in the New Primary Languages Curriculum

School Calendar Template © calendarofobs.com

MORNING ROUTINE CHANGE

For safety reasons, we will be changing the pedestrian access to school for those who walk.

Anyone who walks to school from Grattan Park should enter at the **red gates**. This is to avoid meeting cars which are parking in the morning.

Children should follow the yellow arrows. There will be a staff member assisting at the gate next week until everyone gets used to this change.

We hope that this will make for safer access to school for everyone.

STRUCTURE OF CLASSES

As many of you are aware, we went from having eleven classes in the 2020/21 school year to nine classes this school year due to losses in teacher numbers. In June 2022, the 1st class boys and 6th class girls will leave. We hope to enrol 43 more students to replace these. We are currently looking at how classes will work for the 2022/23 school year and it is likely that there may be a split class along the way.

We will do our best to keep the class numbers as low as possible. The pupil-teacher ratio for the 2022/23 school year will be 25:1 however, class numbers will exceed this in some instances based on the specific number of pupils at each class level.